

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A disposable diaper comprising:

a cover member having front and rear waist regions and a crotch region; and

a body fluid absorbent member attached to an inner side of said cover member;

a¹⁰ said body fluid absorbent member extending in a longitudinal direction across said crotch region into said front and rear waist regions, said body fluid absorbent member having front and rear end portions that are fixed to the inner surface of said cover member at said front and rear end portions thereof,

said body fluid absorbent member including a liquid-pervious topsheet to be placed against a wearer's body, a backsheet to be placed against said inner surface of said cover member, and a body fluid absorbent core disposed between the liquid-pervious topsheet and said backsheet, said body fluid absorbent member being formed on a side facing said backsheet with at least one groove that is concaved in a direction from said backsheet toward said topsheet.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

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9¹¹ 2. (Amended) (A) disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said at least one groove extends in at least one of said longitudinal direction of said diaper and a direction orthogonal to said longitudinal direction.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

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9¹² 3. (Amended) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one groove comprises at least one first groove extending in said longitudinal direction across said crotch region into said front and rear waist regions and at least one second groove extending in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction so that said at least one first groove and said

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at least one second groove intersect one another and said at least one second groove extends to transversely opposite side edge portions of said body fluid absorbent member.

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

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4. (Amended) The disposable diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said body fluid absorbent member is formed on a side facing said topsheet with at least one third groove that is concaved in a direction from said topsheet toward said backsheet and extends in said longitudinal direction across said crotch region into said front and rear trunk regions.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) The disposable diaper according to Claim 4, wherein said at least one third groove is positioned to be substantially aligned said at least one groove.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

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6. (Amended) The disposable diaper according to Claim 3, wherein said body absorbent core is disposed between said backsheet formed with said at least one first groove and said at least one second groove and the topsheet opposed to said backsheet.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

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7. (Amended) The disposable diaper according to Claim 4, wherein said body absorbent core is disposed between said topsheet formed with said at least one third groove and the backsheet opposed to said topsheet.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows: